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SUBJECT: CEA/EPA SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS

PASS COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS FOR DR. MALKIEL

REF: TOKYO 7811

1. EPA STAFF MEMBER AGAIN DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH EMBOFF (SEE REFTEL). EPA, PREFERRING TO USE USG RATHER THAN OWN FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS, REQUESTED EMBASSY INFORM CEA OF AGENDA MATTERS AND SEEK ANSWERS ON PLANS OF U.S. DELEGATION.

2. AGENDA: AGENDA HAS BEEN AGREED UPON BY CEA AND EPA.

(A) "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND SHORT-TERM FORECASTS IN EACH COUNTRY."

(B) "ENERGY PROBLEMS AS A CONSTRAINT TO FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH." IN ITS OWN PRESENTATION, EPA PLANS TO DISCUSS IT IN TERMS OF THE NEW GOJ MEDIUM-TERM ECONOMIC PLAN WHICH IS NOW IN PREPARATION (TOKYO 8145, PARA 5).

(C) "OTHER MATTERS." EMBASSY SUGGESTED THIS TERM FOR AGENDA ITEM IN VIEW OF EPA DESIRE TO PRESENT TO CEA HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW ECONOMIC WHITE PAPER OF JAPAN (1974-75) WHICH IS NOW IN FINAL STAGES OF COMPLETION BUT WILL NOT BE OFFICIALLY SUBMITTED TO THE GOJ

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CABINET UNTIL AFTER THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED. WHILE EPA IS ANXIOUS TO GIVE CEA A PREVIEW OF THE REPORT, EPA IS NATURALLY VERY SENSITIVE TO ANY PUBLICITY THAT CONTENTS OF REPORT

HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO "OUTSIDERS" BEFORE PRESENTATION
TO JAPANESE CABINET. EMBASSY PRESUMES CEA WOULD NOT
OBJECT TO EPA REQUEST FOR THIS ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM.

3. ARRANGEMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD CEA PLEASE
PROVIDE EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING DETAILS ASAP:

(A) COMPOSITION OF U.S. DELEGATION

(B) ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DATES (EMBASSY PLEASED TO
MAKE RESERVATIONS AND SUGGESTS OKURA HOTEL);

(C) SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS: DO CEA MEMBERS WISH ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR FACTORY OR OTHER SPECIAL TOURS; DO THEY PLAN
SIGHTSEEING TRIPS DURING STAY; WOULD THEY LIKE EPA TO
MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTERTAINMENT (E.G. KABUKI, ETC.)?

4. FINATT WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOST INFORMAL GATHERING AT
TREASURY HOUSE FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF CONSULTATIONS (AS
WAS DONE THE END OF LAST YEAR'S CONSULTATIONS). GUESTS
WOULD INCLUDE ONLY CEA/EPA PARTICIPANTS ALONG WITH A FEW
EMBASSY OFFICERS.
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